GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:226
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2016
Financial Assistance for Sports Infrastructure
Antony Shri Anto

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing financial assistance for setting up of Indoor Halls to improve sports infrastructure/facilities in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of Indoor Halls completed and pending so far;

(c) whether the Government has released the first instalment for setting up an Indoor Hall in Pathanamthitta District, Kerala recently and if so, the details thereof; and

d) whether there is a delay in constructing this Indoor Hall and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *226 FOR 10.05.2016 ASKED BY SHRI ANTO ANTONY, MP REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports was implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) which, inter-alia, provided for financial assistance to States/UTs for construction of indoors halls. Under the erstwhile RGKA, financial assistance to the tune of Rs.1.60 crore was provided for construction of four indoor halls @Rs.40 lakh each to the States of Andhra Pradesh for 2 blocks and one block each to Punjab and Tamil Nadu in March, 2016. Construction of none of these indoor halls has been completed as yet.

This Ministry was also implementing the Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS), which inter-alia provided for financial assistance to States/UTs for setting up of Multipurpose Indoor Halls. The State-wise details of multi-purpose Indoor Halls sanctioned from 2010-11 to 2015-16 are given in Annexure-I. Out of the sanctioned Indoor Halls, construction of only one multi-purpose indoor hall at Mualpui, District Aizawl in the State of Mizoram has been completed.

This Ministry has launched the "Khelo India − National Programme for Development of Sports" by merging three erstwhile schemes, namely, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), the Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS) and the National Sports Talent Search Scheme (NSTSS), into an umbrella Central Sector Scheme, to be implemented from 2016-17. This Scheme, inter-alia, provides for financial assistance for setting up of Multipurpose Indoor Halls to improve sports infrastructure/facilities in various States/UTs.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has released the first installment of Rs.1.80 crore on 02.03.2016 to the State Government of Kerala for Construction of multi-purpose indoor hall at Pathanamthitta, Kerala. The Utilization Certificate (UC) for the grant released on 02.03.2016 will become due on 01.04.2017.
******